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## INFORMATION REPORT

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1. [ ] a total of 6,850 troops of the 3 Field Army in Shantung were afflicted by contagious and other diseases, including meningitis, pneumonia, diphtheria and influenza. Most of the sick were personnel of the 33 Army. Approximately 1,000 were personnel of the Central Shantung Garrison Brigade of the Shantung Military District; of these more than 200 had died.
2. Contagion became widespread in Shantung in January. Afflicted areas were: Chinan (N 36-41, E 117-00), Yuch'eng (N 36-57, E 116-38), Ch'iho (N 36-44, E 116-46), Chiyang (N 37-01, E 117-13), Lich'eng (N 36-45, E 117-09), Ch'angch'ing (N 36-36, E 116-44) and T'aian (N 36-14, E 117-09).
3. On 17 February the East China Military Area Command sent a contagious disease fighting battalion<sup>1</sup> from Nanking to Chinan with a large quantity of medical supplies to assist Shantung Military District authorities in checking the disease.<sup>2</sup>

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1. [ ] Comment. Probably an anti-epidemic team is meant.
2. [ ] Comment. [ ] for information on a cholera epidemic in Shantung in [ ]

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